Dear Parents,

I am excited about the 2012-2013 school year. To enable this year to run as smoothly as possible, I have comprised this packet of information. Please read the packet thoroughly to get a better understanding of my expectations and needs for this year.

Included in this packet is information about each of the core classes, materials needed, classroom rules and procedure, and a little about me.

You will also get personal information forms and volunteer sign-up sheets. Please fill them out and send them back to school as soon as possible. We hope everyone will volunteer to help with at least one activity during the school year.

Sincerely,

Crystal Wilson

I believe in parent/teacher partnerships. My goal is to help each child reach their full potential. This requires that I develop a relationship with you and the student. Communication is a very important part of this plan. You will receive bi-monthly newsletters. When you or your child has a concern or question, it is imperative that we speak in a timely manner.

I have high expectations for each student. Assignment modifications will vary according to the student’s ability. I do not administer weekly spelling test however I do focus on building and increasing vocabulary knowledge.

This year my students will be constantly engaged in learning. This is accomplished by use of hands-on activities, cooperative groups, projects, or simply being able to choose their own comfortable learning environment.

1. Follow Directions
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to self
3. Raise your hand, wait to be recognized before speaking
4. Use whisper voice
5. Be respectful of yourself, classmates, and others

* Loss of Privilege
* Repeated Practice
* Student Reflection
* Teacher/student Conference
* Parent Contact
* Office Referral
* Verbal Praise
* Extra Privilege
* Redeemable Tickets
* Good Notes

1. Come in quietly and unpack for the day
2. Exchange Pencils
3. Check in homework
4. Begin morning work
5. Complete early finisher pack
6. Pack then read until bus is called

1. Walk in a straight line

2. Hands at side

3. No Talking

1. Wait on bathroom monitor
2. Walk in quietly
3. Use it
4. Wash and dry hands
5. Leave without playing

Homework will be assigned Monday-Thursday and some Fridays. The students will be responsible for writing down their assignments. All assignments are due the next day unless an extension is given for completion.

If a student is absent the assignment is due upon return. Homework will not be accepted 3 days after it is due. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to send a note, call or e-mail and I will get back to you soon as possible.

**Field Trips**

Currently we plan to see a play and go to Haw River. Haw River is an overnight trip. Additional trips may be added. Arrangements for the other trips have not been finalized. More information will be provided in the near future.

**Science**

We have four main units of study Weather, Human Body Systems, Motion and Design and Ecosystems. Human Growth and Development is part of the 5th grade curriculum. This will be taught near the end of the year. I will hold an informational meeting during the second quarter to explain the requirements and options. Students are required to take a Science EOG this year.

**Math**

Fractions, long division, measurement conversions and algebraic equations are part of the math curriculum.

**Language** **Arts**

Some areas of study are character analysis, making inferences, poems, and identifying different genres.

**Social Studies**

Students will learn about the regions of the United States and its government. They will reenact events in history and create related projects.

**Writing**

Students will learn the writing process through content assignments. They will learn to use peer editing and self analysis to correct their work. Teacher conferences will also be used to enable students to become better writers.

**Contact Information**

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**Volunteering**

Wake County requires all volunteers to register. Some volunteer cuties may include: making copies, stapling, reading with students, chaperoning field trips or classroom parties/events.

**Donations**

Donated items really help the teacher and students throughout the year. If you are will to donate, here is a list of items that often come in handy.

*pencils erasers tissue*

*Treasure box items*

***Subscription Request***

*The 5th grade team is asking each student to purchase a subscription to Science Weekly.*

*This is an excellent resource for science. When we finish with them, students will be able to take them home.*

*This resource will reinforce concepts that students are required to know for EOG.*